**“2BR02B” Questions**

1. According to the doctor, what was the world like in the year 2000?
2. Why does the doctor mention the blackberry? What is the meaning of this metaphor?
3. What is the solution found by Wehling to allow all three of his triplets to live?
4. What is the mournful puzzle of life that the painter thinks about?
5. Why do you think the painter decides to never paint again?
6. What is the painter’s solution to his unhappiness?
7. What do you think about the story’s ending? Is it surprising or interesting?
8. Does the author seem to think the problem is worse or the solution is worse? What might the author be warning the reader about?
9. After reading this story, what do you think is the message of the story?
10. In the story, overpopulation is cited as a major social problem. What is the biggest problem facing society in our country? Use specifics in your answer.
11. Some people support one-child only laws to control the population. What is your opinion?
12. Retitle the story and explain your answer.